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Iran-Iraq War

In the wake of Iran's reported seizure of Iraq's Al-'Ummayah oil platform, IRNA announced that Iranian aircraft and artillery bombarded the nearby Al-Bakr platform, sparking off fires and inflicting heavy damage. A communique cited by the agency stated that Iranian forces captured 110 POW's and sank an Iraqi frigate during the capture of Al-'Ummayah. On the other hand, INA contended that Iraqi forces "have purged the abandoned and isolated oil-loading platform" of Iranians and have "completely wiped out" the Iranian forces there.

In other action, an Iranian communique cited by IRNA claimed that Iranian planes and antiaircraft units downed three Iraqi planes in various sectors 3 September. The agency also reported that Iranian planes bombed Iraqi targets in the Rawanduz and Diyanah areas 2 September. The Iranian interior minister announced that Iranian troops have suppressed the activities of Iraqi-backed opposition groups in border areas and have arrested 800 "counterrevolutionaries" belonging to the Mojahedin-e Khalq and other Iranian rebel groups, according to IRNA.

For Iraq's part, a military spokesman cited by INA stated that Iraqi planes launched another raid on pumping stations in the Ahvaz and Marun oil fields 2 September in order to prevent repair work.

In a separate Gulf development, the Soviet Foreign Ministry announced that the Iranian Navy boarded a Soviet vessel in the Gulf 2 September, AFP noted.

Commenting on Iran's latest offensive operations, Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said in a speech broadcast by Tehran radio that these attacks were designed to prepare the ground for "the fateful offensive, which we all await." "Certain conditions in the world" necessitated the start of the new operations, he said, including "the move by agents of world blasphemy" at the nonaligned summit conference in Harare. Tehran radio and IRNA reported President 'Ali Khamene'i's remarks at the conference in which he called for Iraq's expulsion from the Nonaligned Movement and dismissed PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's appeal for Iran to accept mediation.

Libya

No one will find it surprising if the United States commits another "folly" against Libya, Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi stated in an interview with Zimbabwean media reported by Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio. He also announced Libya's willingness to train and arm South African and Namibian "revolutionaries," stressing the need to expel whites from Africa or annihilate them. In other reportage on Al-Qadhdhafi's activities in Harare, Tripoli radio noted that he held talks with Iranian President Khamene'i.

In Tripoli, CPSU Central Committee Politburo member Petr Demichev declared before his departure that his "fruitful" meetings with Al-Qadhdhafi and Staff Major 'Abd al-Salam Jallud had reaffirmed the two sides' intention to strengthen bilateral cooperation in every possible way, TASS reported. According to Syrian sources cited by the Kuwaiti paper *Al-Qabas*, Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad recently told the Soviet leadership he has received information from Egyptian sources confirming that the United States is preparing for a large-scale military operation against Libya. Al-Asad reportedly conveyed this message to the Soviets during "secret and very important" talks in Moscow last week.

Lebanon

The cabinet has declared "an open security truce" and has decided to formulate a "national charter based on the principles of Lebanese unity, Arab identity, and constitutional and systemic reform," Prime Minister Rashid Karami disclosed in remarks broadcast by Voice of Lebanon radio following the cabinet's 2 September meeting as a "dialogue committee." He said the new charter will mandate the establishment of a "national army" to defend Lebanon, liberate the south, and implement UN resolutions on Israel's withdrawal. The Muslim and Christian ministers also agreed on an "information truce," Karami noted. Ministers Salim al-Huss and Joseph al-Hashim have been tasked with outlining the main points of the national charter, the radio revealed, and the cabinet will hold its next dialogue committee meeting 9 September.

In another development in Beirut, the Islamic Jihad organization issued a communique warning that one of its French hostages will be killed unless France meets its demands, AFP reported, noting that the communique was accompanied by a videotape showing kidnapped journalist Jean-Paul Kaufmann.

Jordan

King Husayn stressed the "constant principles" of Jordanian policy during his talks with visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, Amman television reported. A "responsible source" in Amman cited by Radio Monte Carlo expressed Jordan's desire to bring U.S. and Soviet viewpoints closer on the Mideast peace process, adding that Jordan has contacted Egypt to reach a unified position on this issue.

Tunisia

A member of an extremist religious movement was executed by firing squad 2 September, according to a Defense Ministry announcement reported by KUNA.

Sudan

Relations With Uganda — A Sudanese-Ugandan meeting on the sidelines of the nonaligned summit focused on reports that Sudan has assisted Ugandan rebels, SUNA reported, noting that the Sudanese side denied such reports as "groundless." The two sides agreed to meet in Kampala within a week for further discussions.

SPLA Offensive — The SPLA killed or wounded over 70 government troops in a 28 August operation that marked the start of an "impending final assault" on Bentiu, the SPLA's clandestine radio announced.

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Presidential Election Announced for 15 October

BK011553 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Sep 86

[Text] The presidential election is to be held on the 15th of next month. Announcing this in Dhaka today, the Election Commission said nomination papers for the elections are to be submitted to the returning officer on the 17th of this month. The scrutiny of nomination papers will be held next day and the 22d of this month is the last date for withdrawal of candidacy. The secretary of the Election Commission has been appointed returning officer and all the deputy commissioners have been appointed assistant returning officers for conducting the presidential election.

Ershad Hands Over Army Chief of Staff Post

BK311625 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 31 Aug 86

[Excerpt] President Lieutenant General Hussain Mohammad Ershad relinquished the office of the chief of Army staff and handed over the charge to incumbent Major General M. Atiqur Rahman at a simple ceremony held at the Army headquarters in Dhaka. The handing over ceremony over, General Ershad welcomed the new chief of Army staff warmly, shaking hands and embracing him. Later, Major General M. Atiqur Rahman was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general with effect from today. The new chief of army staff has also been appointed the deputy chief martial law administrator. [passage omitted].

Prime Minister on Ershad, Presidential Election

BK300459 Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi 0230 GMT 30 Aug 86

[Text] The Bangladesh prime minister, Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, has said that President Ershad will be the Jatiya Party candidate in the forthcoming presidential election. He was speaking to newsmen at Calcutta airport on his way to Harare. He said the elections will held in the second week of October and President Ershad is relinquishing his post of chief of the Armed Forces today.

Answering questions on the opposition demand to lift martial law, he said his government is considering making the 4 and 1/2 years of martial law [word indistinct] and only after that martial law can be lifted.

Ershad Joins Ruling Jatiya Party

BK011555 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Sep 86

[Text] President Ershad has joined the Jatiya Party. He announced his decision to join the new party at a huge rally of party workers at the Chief Martial Law Secretariat premises in Dhaka this afternoon. He said he has joined the party as a primary member in response to the call of hundreds of thousands of its workers.

The president said it is a unique day for him as he had (?called for) new action to serve the nation by joining the Jatiya Party. The Jatiya Party, he said, will continue its march to establish an exploitation-free society. The party has already succeeded in reaching his ideals, policies, and programs to every nook and corner of the country, he added.

Elected Chairman

BK030224 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] President Ershad has stressed the importance of bringing about a qualitative change in the traditional politics of the country. The president was addressing the council session of the Jatiya Party in Dhaka yesterday after being elected its chairman. He said the trend of false commitment and opposing for opposition's sake must be done away with. We should not oppose any activity of opponents if it is designed to bring good to the people. The slogan- oriented politics will meet its natural death if programs beneficial for the common man are implemented and truth and justice are upheld.

He also referred to the activities of the government during the last 4 and 1/2 years and said the people have already started deriving benefits from the national drug policy, decentralization of judiciary, amendments to the penal code, family code, and other reforms. These reforms have taken [word indistinct] of the people.

The president said his government does not want to prolong martial law even for a moment more than it is necessary. He recalled his efforts toward transition to democracy and said people know well why the elections could not be held earlier than 7 May.

Referring to the boycott of the parliament session by some opposition parties, President Ershad said the activities of these opposition parties are designed to tarnish the image of parliament before the world. The people have correctly realized their designs and rejected the opposition in the by-election. The by-election results have once again proved that no conspiracy can halt the march of the 10 crore people of Bangladesh toward democracy. He expressed the hope that with the holding of presidential election, the processof transition to democracy will be completed.

The council session of the Jatiya Party yesterday in a resolution entrusted all powers to the chairman of the party, President Ershad, to control, supervise, and coordinate all activities of the party.

Soviet Special Envoy Meets With Foreign Minister

BK290121 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 28 Aug 86

[Text] The visiting special Soviet envoy, O.V. Bostorin, called on Foreign Minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at his office in Dhaka today. The Soviet envoy conveyed to the foreign minister a message relating to the proposal by the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, on the 28th of last month at Vladivostok.

The foreign minister spoke of the historic relationship between Bangladesh and the Soviet Union and recalled the Soviet assistance during our war liberation. He reiterated the desire of Bangladesh Government to further intesify the already existing good relationship through high-level visits. The Soviet envoy expressed his government's support on the role of Bangladesh Government in different international forums.

Leaves for Rangoon

BK301727 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 30 Aug 86

[Text]Soviet special envoy O.V. Bostorin left Dhaka for Rangoon today ending his week-long mission in Bangladesh. Prior to his departure, talking to newsmen at the airport, he said the main purpose of his mission was to convey a verbal message of the Soviet leadership to the Bangladesh Government concerning the latest Soviet peace initiative. Mr Bostorin said, during his talks with the foreign minister, Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, he discussed with him a wide range of topics on bilateral and international relations. He said his contry values the existing friendly relations with Bangladesh.

Normal Life Reported 'Disrupted' by Strike

BK011249 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 1 Sep 86

[Text] In Bangladesh, normal life was disrupted today following a half-day hartal [strike]. The hartal was led by the Awami League-led 8-party alliance to press for the realization of a package of demands, which include withdrawal of martial law and cancellation of recent byelections. Our Dhaka correspondent reports that in the capital all private and public vehicles were off the road. Market and business establishments remained closed. However, government offices and banks functioned with thin attendance.

Indian Trawlers Seized 27 Aug

BK301004 Hong Kong AFP in English 0951 GMT 30 Aug 86

[Text] Dhaka, Aug 30 (AFP) — Bangladesh naval patrol boats have seized five Indian trawlers with 54 crewmembers, for fishing within Bangladesh territorial waters, a newspaper here reported Saturday.

The independent daily *Khabar* said the patrol boats found the Indian trawlers fishing inside Bangladesh territorial waters off southwestern Bangladesh Wednesday [27 Aug].

The newspaper said that at least five trawlers with a total of 54 crewmembers were seized by the Bangladesh Navy and escorted to a nearby port. The boats had huge unauthorised catches of fish, the report said.

The Navy patrol boats pursued several other trawlers but the vessels escaped, the newspaper added.

Naval authorities here were not available for immediate comment on the incident, which took place near the southwestern Naval base of Khulna, about 200 kilometres (120 miles) from Dhaka.

Prime Minister Leaves for Nonaligned Summit

BK291432 Dhaka Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Aug 86

[Text] Bangladesh will strongly plead for emancipation of oppressed people of the world, including the victims of apartheid, at the eighth summit of the Nonaligned Movement beginning in Harare from Monday next. This was stated by the Bangladesh prime minister, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, at the Zia International Airport in Dhaka before leaving for Harare to attend the summit today. He said he would discuss with the summit leaders the peaceful solution of the problems of the colonial people, including those in South Africa and Namibia.

The eighth summit of the Nonaligned Movement will be very important as it is being held against the backdrop of several major developoments in the international arena.

The prime minister said the summit will review important political and economic issues, like development in the Mediterranean, the situation in the Middle East, Southwest Asia, disarmament and its implications for international security.

It will also review the progress of the global round of negotiations, international development strategy, charter of economic rights and duties of states, as well as world monetary and financial issues, and transfer of resources. Economic problems faced by the least developed countries as well as landlocked countries will also come up for discussion in the summit.

Former Bhutto Aide Arrested on Return 30 Aug

BK301106 Hong Kong AFP in English 1040 GMT 30 Aug 86

[Text] Karachi, Aug 30 (AFP) — Ghulam Mustafa Khar, a lieutenant of executive former Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, was arrested immediately on his return to Pakistan from nine years self-exile in Britain here Saturday, correspondents reported.

Mr Khar, a former governor of Pakistan's Punjab Province, was arrested in the arrival lounge of Karachi Airport soon after his return from London.

He was shown an arrest warrant issued by the Punjab Government.

Mr Khar left Pakistan shortly after the overthrow of Mr Bhutto in a military coup in July 1977. He was subsequently tried in his absence by a military court and sentenced to 14 years imprisonment, and his property was confiscated.

Mr Khar told reporters at the airport that he had returned on a travel document issued by British Home Office as the Pakistani Embassy had refused to issue him with a passport.

He said he had been "determined to return to Pakistan at any cost", and was willing to take the risk in order to be in Pakistan during "the current dangerous political situation".

He is at odds with Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, who is currently in detention for 30 days after addressing a banned rally.

Detention of Opposition Leaders Extended

BK010300 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Sep 86

[Text] The Pakistan Government has extended the detention orders of some opposition leaders by 15 more days. A spokesman of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy [MRD] said fresh detention orders for 2 weeks were served on the secretary general of the 10-party alliance, Mr Malik Qasim, in the Mianwali jail. The MRD, led by the Pakistan People's Party leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto, is demanding among other things fresh elections on party basis.

Demonstration for Release of Bhutto Reported

BK030327 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] In Pakistan, hundreds of people staged a demonstration yesterday to demand the release of Miss Benazir Bhutto and other opposition leaders. About 50 persons are reported to have been arrested in Lahore as political unrest continued for the 3d week.

Meanwhile, Miss Bhutto has filed a petition in the Sind High Court challenging her detention.

Talks Held With Visiting Soviet Officials

BK011724 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 1 Sep 86

[Text] Formal talks on bilateral matters were held in Islamabad today between senior officials of Pakistan and the Soviet Union. The Soviet side was led by the head of the South Asia Department of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr A.I. Valkov, and the Pakistan side by the additional secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Najbuddin A. Shaykh. Mr A.I. Valkov, who is due to meet the minister of state on foreign affairs, Mr Zain Noorani, is carrying a message from the Soviet leadership.

The Soviet Union and Pakistan are also resuming their bilateral consultations on issues relating to the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly. The last round of discussions was held in 1983. Resumption of these consultations is an indication of the mutual desire on both sides to improve relations.

Afghanistan 'Reviewed'

BK021541 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] Anatoliy Valkov, a senior official of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, met with Minister of State for Foreign Afairs Zain Noorani in Islamabad today and exchanged views on bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interest. Anatoliy Valkov, who is visiting Pakistan as a special envoy of the Soviet leadership, delivered the minister of state for foreign affairs a verbal message from the Soviet authorities. The message is related to proposals on stabilizing security in Asia, which were presented by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in an address in Vladivostok on 28 July. The talks, which lasted for 2 hours, were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. Gorbachev's reference to Afghanistan in his address was particularly reviewed at the talks.

DRA Protest of Airspace Violation Rejected

BK030522 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0500 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] Pakistan has rejected the Kabul authorities' Monday protest in which they had alleged that a Pakistani Air Force aircraft had violated Afghanistan's airspace in Shahidan area of Paktia Province on 22 August.

The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office in Islamabad yesterday and was told that the DRA allegation was checked and found to be baseless. The Afghan charge d'affaires was told to ask his authorities to desist from leveling such allegations.

Rebel Attacks in Paktia, Qandahar Reported

BK031034 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] In Afghanistan, the mujahidin are reported to have conducted a series of attacks on Jazi cantonement in Paktia using missiles and rocket launchers as a result of which the besieged

Soviet-Kabul forces suffered heavy losses. Agency reports say they attacked the cantonement from (Gul Ghaundi) with surface-to-surface missiles which hit the target. They also launched rocket and mortar attacks, razing a barrack to the ground.

Another report says the mujahidin conducted an attack on the Khad headquarters and military center in Qandahar City. They raided a security post in Baba Saheb area of Arghandab subdivision killing eight troops including an officer of the enemy. They also destroyed a portion of Khad headquarter building.

Party Secretary's Residence Burned in Paktia
BK020620 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] Afghan mujahidin have reportedly set fire to the residence of the Afghan Communist Party secretary in Paktia Province of Afghanistan. The mujahidin killed six Soviet-Kabul soldiers in this attack.

30 Killed in Train, Bus Collision
BK030824 Hong Kong AFP in English 0805 GMT 3 Sept 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 3 (AFP) — At least 30 people were killed, and more than 40 were injured on Wednesday when a train ploughed into a bus at a level crossing in Mianwali District, about 400 kms (250 miles) south west of here, Pakistan Television reported

Several of the injured were in serious condition.

SRI LANKA

Differences in Tamil Talks 'Narrowed Down'

BK291604 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Aug 86

[Text] The Sri Lankan Government and the Tamil United Liberation Front have narrowed down their differences on most of the issues on the latest package of proposals on solve the ethnic problem. The second round of talks concluded in Colombo today. Although no official statement has yet been made, the national security minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, said in a television interview that the talks have helped to narrow down differences on major points. The land development minister, Mr Gamini Dissanayake, told our Colombo correspondent, Plaban Majumder, that the two sides were in fundamental agreement on the substance of the proposal, though differences remained on some formulations.

President Jayewardene informed the Indian high commissioner of the outcome of the current negotiations when Mr Dixit called on him today. Mr Jayewardene told the high commissioner that he would appreciate India's active assistance in resolving the pending points at the next round of talks so that a final package can emerge.

Political observers in Colombo feel that since both the Sri Lankan Government and the TULF are not averse to India's playing an active role in bringing all the parties together, New Delhi could perhaps be the venue for the next round of talks. Our correspondent understands that the next session will possibly be held in September.

Bulgarian Official Visits, Meets Foreign Minister

BK281645 Colombo DAILY NEWS in English 18 Aug 86 p 12

[Excerpt] Bulgaria's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture, [titles as published] Mr Georgi Yordanov, who is here on a four day official visit called on Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hameed, at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Mr Yordanov told Minister Hameed that Bulgaria has a special friendship for Sri Lanka and respect for its role in international affairs.

The Ministry said that Mr Yordanov and Mr Hameed exchanged views on current international issues and matters of mutual interest. They agreed that current bilateral relations between the two countries were satisfactory.

In the field of politics, the two delegations worked closely together on many international forums. They also agreed that there was scope for increased economic cooperation between thetwo countries and that they would work together towards this end, the Ministry said. [Passage omitted]

Three Terrorists, One Policeman Killed

BK301318 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 1215 GMT 30 Aug 86

["OANA Pool" Item]

[Text] Colombo, Aug 30 *(Lanka Puwath)* — Three terrorists and one police officer were killed during a terrorist attack on a police patrol near the railway station at Mannar in north western Sri Lanka at 1500 hours (local time) today, government sources told *Lanka Puwath*.

They said that the terrorists had attacked the policemen from a vehicle.

The dead policeman was a sub-inspector, a police constable was also injured in the encounter.

When the police counter attacked three terrorists were killed and the vehicle damaged beyond use.

Security Forces Personnel Killed by Terrorists

BK301326 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 1050 GMT 30 Aug 86

["OANA Pool" Item]

[Text] Colombo, Aug 30 *(Lanka Puwath)* — One officer and six other security forces personnel were killed when separatist terrorists detonated an explosive device at Trincomalee in eastern Sri Lanka today government sources told *Lanka Puwath*.

The security forces personnel were clearing a road when they were caught in an explosion caused by the terrorists.

Government sources told *Lanka Puwath* that at 1000 hours (local time) on the Trincomalee-Kinniya road, at the 108th mile post, one officer and six other security forces personnel were killed when terrorists set off an explosive device.

In another incident reported today mortars were fired at the army detachments at Kankesanthurai, Velvettiturai, Point Pedro, the Palali Camp and the Jaffna fort in northern Sri Lanka, government sources told *Lanka Puwath*.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Speaks on 'Karbala'' Operations
LD021226 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Speech by Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani at the 2 September Majlis session; recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. With the start of the new move on the fronts, a completely fresh situation has evolved. The new move is in accordance with the orders from the commander in chief, during the meeting with commanders some time ago. He said: The operations should continue and the enemy must not be given the opportunity to reinforce.

In accordance with the command, the order was given and the operation began on the fronts yesterday. God willing, before the fateful operation of the forces of Islam starts, we will weaken the enemy so much so that the grounds will be prepared for the fateful offensive, which we all await.

Today, we received news on the start of operation "Karbala'-3", which was launched in a very sensitive (?sector). The gentlemen will receive the news on this in a few minutes.

A severe blow was dealt to the enemy in operation "Karbala'-2", and its still continues; so that the conditions we require in northern Iraq before the absolute victory and before the fateful operation commences, will, God willing, be achieved, through operation "Karbala'-2".

Certain conditions in the world necessitated the start of the operations. Iraqi actions on the so-called anniversary of Qadisiyah, these days, forced us to erase the lies and deception of the Ba'thists toward the Iraqi nation, so that they would not have the opportunity to deceive the Iraqi nation. Thank God the combatants of Islam took this opportunity away from them.

Also, the move by agents of world blasphemy at the sensitive Harare conference, where they want to create a political atmosphere in order to give hope to Saddam's protectors, forced us to act, so that they would realize that the plans they had laid in advance could not have any effect on our defensive plans and so that we would make them despondent. In operations "Karbala'-1, 2, and 3," our combatants replied to these feeble attempts so that world arrogance agents would cease such mischievous acts in Harare, and let the people of Iran and Iraq rid themselves of these Ba'thists, and let the region find its correct path.

In any case, on behalf of all the deputies, I thank our dear combatants on the fronts. On the eve of Moharram, when our nation is preparing to dispatch the Moharram convoys for the fateful operation, we expect the (?fronts) to coordinate with the people; This year's Shura and Moharram remind us of the Moharram in the years before the victory and especially the last Moharram during the revolution [sentence as heard]

Regarding this operation, there is an important point that I should mention, which is the presence of Iraqi combatants and the motivation they showed during "Operation Karbala'". This was very interesting to us. The Badr Brigade, which consists of Iraqi forces, shined the brightest during the operation. Most of the POWs transferred to behind the lines were captured by our Iraqi brothers. Thanks to ties with the Iraqi people, they are transferring the Iraqis to behind the lines in large groups. They have shown so much bravery and courage in the operation that they amazed our combatants.

It is a wonder that these same Iraqis who are so cowardly in the hands of the Saddamites, when they are in Islam's ranks, they are so strong. This promises that, God willing, in the future a large portion of the operations and liberations will be carried out by Iraqi soldiers alongside our combatants.

Musavi Outlines War Developments to Cabinet
LD031125 Tehran IRNA in English 1117 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 3, IRNA — The cabinet ministers reviewed latest developments in the battlefronts, Wednesday morning.

During the session, Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi outlined the "Karbala'-2" offensive of Muslim combatants of Iran launched in northern fronts early Monday and described situation of the liberated heights and the key roles they would play in future operations.

In another part of his speech, the prime minister referred to "Karbala'-3" offensive launched in the southern war fronts in the Persian Gulf Tuesday, in which Al-'Ummayah platform was captured. He said that the offensive was bravely carried out by Muslim combatants according to very complicated tactics.

The Iranian forces, the prime minister added, captured this Iraqi centre used for creating insecurity in the Persian Gulf region, by giving three martyrs and sustaining the least damage "which is more like a miracle."

Minister of Oil Gholam Reza Aqazadeh reported to the cabinet of his recent trip to the Soviet Union and China. He described his trip as being "successful" and hoped that oil market would improve with the cooperation of the OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

Montazeri Calls on Iraqis To Struggle Against Saddam
NC021508 Tehran Domestic Service in Persin 0330 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that Iraqi preachers, poets and writers met with the Grand Ayatollah Montazeri after a session in Qom. During their meeting, the Grand Ayatollah Montazeri stated: Today the two nations of Iran and Iraq are facing the calamity of the infidel Ba'th regime of Iraq which has imposed a war on both Muslim nations. The situation will not change as long as this regime rules Iraq. The imposed war continues. And in Iraq there is adversity and bloodshed and the capturing and imprisoning of the ulema and dignitaries. Students and other groups are also imprisoned in Iraq. The Iraqi nation should prepare itself for self-sacrifice and devotion to save its country from Saddam.

Recalling when Imam Husayn said on 'Ashura Day, "let someone help me", he pointed out: These remarks do not apply only to those days and to that imam. They apply throughout history and even today when the Iraqi nation is caught in the webs of such an oppressor and corrupt leader like Saddam. Therefore those of us who pray to the said imam and ask to be with him on the day of 'Ashura and reach the great death should be prepared for all forms of self-sacrifice and devotion. We should be ready to give up life and belongings in the struggle against this bloodthirsty regime and to achieve the great death so that our statements may be sincere.

The Grand Ayatollah Montazeri also said: I do not oppose poetry and oration gatherings and seminars. These are good meetings and should be held whenever necessary. However, Iraqi emigrants and mujahedin should not consider this to be the limits of the struggle. These meetings do not set the proper course. The struggling elders and ulema of Iraq, and the members of the Iraqi Supreme Council, are expected to prepare a plan for a serious struggle against Saddam. This program should be followed up and forces should be recognized, strenghened, and organized. These forces can be found inside and outside Iraq, in the Persian Gulf countries, in Iran, or elsewhere.

The Iranian nation had nothing. No one would help it. However, through their devotion and persistent and bloody demonstrations the people stood up and finally overthrew the Shah's regime. In Lebanon too, the Muslim Lebanese youths — although few in number — were able through faith, perseverance,and devotion to overcome the United States, Israel, and other occupying forces and to force their humble departure from Lebanon. The Afghan nation is fighting a similar battle with atheism and the occupier.

The Muslim Iraqi nation should imitate Imam Husayn. In short, everyone deserves death and everyone of us will have to leave the world one day. Let me speak about myself. How many more years will I be alive? What greater happiness could a man have than to spend the last few days of his life for God and for the glory of Islam and of the Koran, to be martyred and to reach the great death which was achieved by Imam Husayn?

He pointed out that those present should be seriously thinking about the training of cadres to carry out political and military activities after Saddam's downfall. This point should be pursued now and the Armed Forces, the corps, and other organs in Iran should help the Iraqi mujahedin and struggle as much as possible so that after Saddam's downfall which, God willing, will be soon, trained and suitable Iraqi men will be prepared to rule the military, political, and educational fields in their country without the help of others.

Premier Outlines Government Policies

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[Text] The pre-sermon speaker at today's Friday prayers in Tehran was Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi, who, in expressing praise and appreciation for the esteemed martyrs of the Islamic revolution, martyrs Raja'i and Bahonar, whose anniversary of martyrdom coincides with Government Week, stated: Every government in the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran must follow the path taken by martyrs Raja'i and Bahonar. The path followed by these two beloved martyrs, their methods and manners of encounter with situations and people, and their political outlook, must be taken into account by Islamic governments. In this respect, when Government Week is linked with the anniversary of the martyrdom of these loved ones, it means that the government binds itself to the principles and values insisted on by these dear ones who lost their lives because of this insistence. The aim of the government is to continue the path of these dear ones, and of all martyrs who have given the lead to the country's executive machinery.

By stressing that the executive programs of the government in their various dimensions are rooted in the aims and objectives being pursued by the government of martyr Raja'i, the prime minister stated: In connection with the imposed war, we are following the same policy followed by martyr Raja'i. Explanations and analysis of the imposed war amount to this: The motivations and aims behind the imposition of this was to dismantle Islam and the Islamic Revolution on a worldwide level. By following the policy of the government of martyr Raja'i in relation to the war, we have demonstrated to the world that we will stand steadfast and to our last breath in this war, and we will not surrender. We have brought the war to this point through our faith in Islam and its principles and values, and nothing more than this. In spite of the baseless predictions and analyses of our enemies, the war has strengthened and consolidated the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and we have delivered some heavy blows on the body of Saddam's regime. Everyone now acknowledges that the foundations of the revolution have become stronger than ever.

Prime Minister Musavi, in explaining the government's foreign policy and how this policy took shape from the times when the government of martyr Raja'i was formed until now, stated: From the times of the governments of martyr Raja'i and Bahonar until the present, the foreign policy of the government has been steadfast in insisting on Islamic principles and values; it has been based on this and it is due to this that, today, we are practicing our foreign policy on a worldwide level. This is why the stances we have adopted are not affected by the policies of superpowers and world powers. Rather, it is the policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran which are having an impact on the world's policies. The aim of the superpowers is to bring total ruin to other nations and other powers, and it is our steadfastness, based on Islamic principles, that has made us powerful in the eyes of world powers.

The prime minister added: Another issue which was the concern of martyr Raja'i's government and which showed its power, was that of reliance on the people. The experience of the government of Raja'i was that a powerful system derives its essential power from its reliance on the people, and nothing more. Today, the thing that has made the Islamic Republic of Iran stand out as an independent force in the world is this same principle of reliance on the people.

The prime minister, continuing his remarks, said that the principle of nonseparation of politics and religion is another principle on which the executive programs and policies of the governments

of martyrs Raja'i and Bahonar were based. He added: the thought of separating religion from politics, which was promoted in the early days of the revolution by liberal groups was part of a struggle to remove the concept of the canonist ruler [velayat-e faqih] from the Constitution and to abolish the Assembly of Experts. But this plot was foiled through the decisive leadership of the imam of the ummah and the principle of nonseparation of religion and politics, which was well integrated and implemented in the government of martyr Raja'i. This is because Islam does not exist without politics and without the search for justice and fraternity. Islam without the principle of protecting and supporting the deprived and the oppressed is, for us, unimaginable. Struggle against oppression and crime cannot be separated from the culture and nature of Islam; these thoughts existed in martyr Raja'i's government and were put into practice.

Mir Hoseyn Musavi, in describing the executive policies of the government in their various dimensions which spring from the executive policies of martyr Raja'i's government, pointed to the pamphlet entitled: "Our Position" in the context of the stances adopted by the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran in economic matters, and he expounded on the viewpoints of the martyrs Beheshti and Bahonar with regards to some of the questions advanced in this pamphlet, including ownership; capital; restoring people's assets through the treasury; planning; making use of spiritual and material potential; the need for economic planning; the problem of inflation arising from the capitalism of money-worshippers and those amassing wealth; protection of the deprived; deploying wealth of national resources to further the economic affluence of the country; reliance on direct taxes from lawfully earned revenues; fighting wastage; protection of the cooperatives and the removal of the exploitation of human resources. These are the highlights and relevant points of the pamphlet: "Our Position." He added: The successes of the government in the economic field are derived from the economic analysis of the governments of martyrs Raja'i and Bahonar, who always relied on the people, and it is our obligation to continue to follow the path of these beloved martyrs and other martyrs of the Islamic revolution.

Khamene'i Makes Statement Prior to Departure for Harare
LD310654 Tehran IRNA in English 0647 GMT 31 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 30, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i, heading a high-ranking delegation, left Tehran for the Zimbabwean capital of Harare midnight Saturday to attend the eighth summit conference of the Non-Aligned Movement scheduled to open Monday.

Speaking to reporters prior to his departure, he said that the key to success of the movement is revival of primary principles of the movement. "The members must be truely non-aligned," the president said. He also warned the movement about any deviation from its aspirations.

On objectives of the Islamic Republic of Iran in taking part in the summit, he said that the movement represents the largest body of those countries whose political and economic policies are not subdued by big powers.

Active participation of Iran in the summit will help materialisation of the objectives of the movement. The Islamic Republic of Iran is truely a non-aligned country and this is clear from the principles of its foreign policy which reject influence of both East and West.

The president who is also the head of the Supreme Defence Council, on bringing up issue of the six-year-old Iraqi-imposed war during the summit, said that it provides the best forum for Iran to raise its points and reflect the realities of the war and how it has been imposed upon Iran.

On apartheid and racism, the president hoped that the Harare summit will come out with effective measures in eradicating racism which is a thorn at the side of humanity.

The president urged the movement to avoid deviating from its principles.

Political observers have attached great importance to participation of President Khamene'i in the Harare summit, his first participaton in major international gatherings.

Rafiqdust, Delegation Depart for Libya
LD010652 Tehran IRNA in English 0649 GMT 1 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 1, IRNA — The Iranian minister of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC), Mohsen Rafiqdust, heading a political-military delegation left Tehran for Tripoli Monday morning to attend the Libyan revolution's anniversary celebrations.

More on his visit, he said that he was commissioned by the government to attend the Sept. First ceremonies, marking the anniversary of the Libyan revolution, and also reiterate support of the Islamic Republic of Iran for Libya.

He further told IRNA that while in Tripoli he will hold talks with Libyan military and political officials.

Saudi Arabia Promises To Rebuild Shrines
LD010951 Tehran IRNA in English 0928 GMT 1 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 31, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni's representative and head of Iranian Hajj pilgrims, Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahdi Karrubi,announced upon his return from pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia that the Saudi Government has promised to rebuild and expand holy shrines including Al-Baqi Cemetary. He added that the Islamic Republic of Iran is willing to assist the Saudi authorities in the task.

Speaking to IRNA upon his arrival Hojjat ol-Eslam Karrubi thanked the Saudi officials for releasing a group of detained Iranian pilgrims. He expressed hope that the remaining Iranians would also shortly be freed.

The Hojjat ol-Eslam termed this year's Hajj rituals being "good".

The two great rallies of Iranian pilgrims in Mecca and Medina were a big political success against the enemies of Islam and hypocrites, he noted.

According to surveys, pilgrims in Mecca and Medina supported the massive demonstrations, which he termed a "great success" for Iranian Hajjis.

The Islamic Republic dispatched over 150,000 pilgrims to Mecca most of whom have already been flown back to Iran.

Saudi security police arrested 113 Iranian pilgrims but has since released 103 of them.

Cables Thanks to King Fahd

LD300305 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 29 Aug 86

[Text] The Central News Unit reports: Karrubi, the imam's representative and the supervisor of Iranian pilgrims, in a cable today to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia expressed his appreciation for the king's cooperation in reopening the Al-Baqi Cemetery [where some imams are buried] to the eager pilgrims as well as the release of a number of Iranian pilgrims who were recently detained. He also said in his telegram; your efforts in these matters opened new doors to hope toward further understanding between the two Muslim countries. We are convinced that cooperation between the two countries can foil all plots aimed at clouding relations between the two countries and misrepresenting the true face of the Islamic revolution.

Karrubi then said that we condemn any plot that threatens the security of the two holy shrines or the Hajj pilgrims. We consider ourselves committed to the emphatic recommendations made by the leader of the revolution, Imam Khomeyni, in connection with safeguarding the security and discipline in the two blessed holy shrines. We have already proved this. The cable further expresses thanks for the efforts made by Saudi Arabian Hajj and Owqaf officials in resolving the pilgrims' difficulties.

Turkish Minister Leaves After 'Useful' Meetings

LD292103 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Aug 86

[Text] Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Vahit Halefoglu left Tehran this evening following his visit to our country. He was seen off by Acting Foreign Minister Besharati and a number of Foreign Ministry officials. Before leaving Tehran for Turkey, he spoke to our correspondent at the airport saying: In the course of my 3-day visit, which took place at the invitation of Velayati, I had very useful meetings with the prime minister, Nabavi, and Aqazadeh. These meetings resulted in an exceedingly good and fruitful outcome.

He added: We were also received by President Khamene'i and discussed bilateral relations and the regional and international issues. The minister of foreign affairs then said: We also held talks on economic and commercial ties, in the course of which some of the bilateral problems and difficulties were resolved.

Concluding his remarks, he added: Having held talks during the visit on oil prices and economic issues, we succeeded in raising some of the problems and difficulties between the two sides in a very friendly atmosphere. I think that the visit was a good one for both sides; I am extremely happy about the visit.

Agreement on Standards Signed

LD292350 Tehran IRNA in English 1743 GMT 29 Aug 86

[Text] Ankara, Aug. 29, IRNA — Iran and Turkey signed an agreement on standards, here Thursday.

According to the agreement Turkish imports must now have a Turkish seal. The two countries also agreed to start large scale cooperation in technical fields and fixing joint standards.

A visiting Senegalese official also took part in the talks which began Wednesday to upgrade the quality of imports and exports goods among the three countries.

Armed Forces Suppress Counterrevolutionaries

LD021735 Tehran IRNA in English 1701 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept 2, IRNA — Military activities of Monafeqin-e Khalq [MKO] and other outlawed grouplets in border areas have been suppressed and 800 counter-revolutionaries arrested by the Iranian Armed Forces, said the interior minister here Tuesday.

Speaking at a press conference here, the interior minister, Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said that the strategy of the MKO is now to assist in maintaining in power Iraqi ruler Saddam Husayn and his Ba'thist regime now that the MKO headquarters have been transferred from Paris to Baghdad.

The counterrevolutionary and MKO have cut off all their links with the Iranian nation and culture. "They are now being used as a tool in the hands of enemies of the Islamic Republic", Mohtashemi said.

The interior minister said that Saddam Husayn has ordered MKO members to foment agitation in Iran and particularly in border provinces.

The suppression of these counter-revolutionary activities should serve as a warning to all outlawed groups' of their vulnerability in fighting with the Islamic Republic of Iran, said Mohtashemi, noting that Iranian forces will prevent counter-revolutionaries from crossing western Iranian borders and will foil Saddam Husayn's plots.

All Surplus Equipment Declared for Use in War

LD021903 TEHRAN Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] With the aim of following the imam of the ummah's orders,Prime Minister Musavi has requested in a circular that all ministries, government organizations and institutions, and rev-

olutionary organs declare all surplus equipment and facilities throughout the country that could be used for the war and on the fronts to the War Support Headquarters in the provinces or towns so that they may be used in the war effort.

Further Reports on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Naval Commander on 'Karbala'-3'

LD021405 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Telephone interview with the commander of the naval force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps "a few minutes ago" at the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters by Tehran radio correspondent; commander not identified — recorded]

[Text][Correspondent] Would you please elaborate on the victorious "Karbala'-3" operation that is being carried out by the combatants of the naval force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps?

[Commander] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The "Karbala'-3" operations began last night with the efforts of the combatants of Islam to implement the imam's behest regarding dealing a second blow to the Zionist Saddam. The aim of this operation is to annihilate the remaining forces of the Iraqi regime in the northern part of the Persian Gulf and those at sea. Amir al-Mo'menin and Kowsar Naval Brigades and the Yunes Brigade of the marine rangers from the Imam Husayn Division took part in the operation that began at midnight last night. It is considered to be one of the most complicated naval operations in the war, and involves those brothers who received special training for it, including special tactics. The most important issue in the operation was the method to be adopted, especially considering that the Iraqi regime had installed special radar system and [words indistinct] and kept a check on every movement of Islam's combatants at sea. Combatants of Islam began their special training some time ago, and last night the results of this training were seen. The most important objective in the operation and the main element was that of surprise.

The combatants of Islam, following a long naval voyage and making use of their specially trained units, attacked the Iraqi force and captured them in their sleep. Our combatants took over the Al-'Ummayah Jetty when the commander of the forces stationed on the jetty and all his personnel, with the exception of a few, were asleep. The combatants of Islam woke them up and captured them. Up to now, more than 110 POWs have been evacuated. This operation was backed by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic. The Al-'Ummayah Jetty has been taken; Al-Bakr Jetty is now completely burning to such an extent that all aerial and surface radars ['Radarhay-e hava'i va sathi'] and all electronic equipment on the jetty have been put out of action. Coastal artillery fire of the naval force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps is keeping Al-Bakr Jetty under continuous fire.

In the course of the siege of Al-Bakr an Osa frigate was sunk at the jetty: an enemy relief vessel received substantial damage as well. With this operation, the combatants of Islam succeeded in taking complete control of the northern areas of the Persian Gulf, and Iraq's minimal presence there — a mere radar and electronic station using these jetties — was completely destroyed. At present, the Iraqi regime does not have any naval presence, either in the form of vessels or radar surveillance, in the Persian Gulf and the open seas.

Communique 2,582

LD021604 Tehran IRNA in English 1555 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 2, IRNA — Muslim forces of Iran infiltrated Iraqi positions in Sardasht operational theater, northwestern fronts, Monday inflicting heavy casualties and losses on enemy forces. They also captured one enemy base, said a military communique here Tuesday.

Joint Staff Communique Number 2,582 said that Iraqi troops sustained heavy casualties and losses including the destruction of some gun emplacements in Marivan and Panjwin operational theaters Monday as they were hit by Iranian artillery fire.

Iran's Navy intercepted and inspected two cargo ships sailing under foreign flags in the Strait of Hormuz Monday but allowed them to continue voyage after being satisfied that they were not carrying any war-related goods for Iraq, said the communique.

According to the communique, Iranian forces reconnoitered and shelled a convoy of Iraqi patrols in Sumar, western fronts, Monday inflicting casualties on the patrols, forcing them to flee.

Reconnaissance flights of Iraqi helicopters were checked in Qasr-e Shirin and Mehran operational areas in the western fronts Monday, said the communique.

Elsewhere, the communique said that the Iranian Muslim forces halted movement of the Iraqi troops in Maymak and Halaleh in the southern fronts.

More Volunteers' Caravans

NC021405 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the sixth caravan for Karbala' of Hormozgan Province, consisting of four battalions of combat-trained forces from the islands and ports in this region, left for the front of the war of justice against injustice yesterday. The same report states that the Hormozgan Province combatants participated in a march yesterday from the Islamic Republic Guards Corps Basij Headquarters to Taleqani Square in Bandar 'Abbas changing slogans of "War, war until victory" and "We will fight, we will die, but we will not compromise." After the people saw them off, they left for the front of the war of justice against injustice. They were accompanied by more than 100 trucks carrying 40 million rials worth of aid in kind by the people of this province.

The Central New Unit reports from Salmas that a garrison of volunteers for the fronts named "the first Moharram caravan" was bid farewell by the people of Salmas and left for the fronts. Also, the Qa'em garrison of the Takab Islamic Revolution

Guards Corps received a public send-off and left fully equipped to help the combatants of Islam on the front of the war of justice against injustice.

Fighters Bomb Garrison

LD021727 Tehran IRNA in English 1656 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 2, IRNA — Iranian jet fighters heavily bombed Iraq's Khalifan garrison at 36.36 north and 44.25 east coordinates, in west Rawanduz as well as enemy military hardware depot at 36.42 north and 44.32 east coordinates in north Diyanah Tuesday.

The fighters after inflicting substantial casualties and losses on Iraqi forces returned safely to their bases. The bombardment occurred at 13.05 hours local time (0935 hours GMT).

Iraqi Forces Fenced in at Al-Bakr

LD021746 Tehran IRNA in English 1720 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 2, IRNA — The Al-Bakr offshore oil platform, in southern Iraq in the Persian Gulf, has been subjected to heavy artillery fire of the naval forces of Iran's Islamic Revolution's guards corps since Tuesday noon.

Latest reports reaching here from Khatam ol-Anbiya' military headquarters added that the artillery barrages which followed the liberation of Iraq's Al-'Ummayah oil platform and the seige of Al-Bakr Oil Platform by Iran's Islamic combatants, have resulted in huge fire at the platform fencing Iraqi forces in.

The report also said that Iranian jet fighters bombarded the said platform at 0230 GMT Tuesday inflicting heavy losses and damage upon enemy troops stationed there.

Five Iraqi military officers including Mohammad Azim, the commander of the Al-Bakr oil platform, are among 110 enemy troops captured in the early hours of the successful "Karbala'-3" seaborne offensive launched in the Persian Gulf at 2130 hours GMT Monday.

Armed Forces Continue Attacks

LD030855 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Central News Unit correspondent's report from the "Karbala'-3" operational theater]

[Text] At 0015 hours this morning, a number of Iraqi frigates and other vessels [navcheh va shenavar] intending to leave through the mouth of Khawr 'Abdallah, were brought under heavy fire by the brave combatants of Islam stationed in Khawr 'Abdallah. After a naval battle lasting 1 hour, a number of fires could be seen in Khawr 'Abdallah.

A number of Iranian Air Force fighter-bombers, after bombing the Al-Bakr oil terminal at 1756 hours yesterday, causing a large fire at the terminal, at 0625 hours this morning bombed the terminal again, inflicting fresh losses and casualties. The heavy bombardment of the Al-Bakr oil terminal by the forces of Islam, which was stepped up after the combatants of Islam were stationed on the Al-'Ummayah oil terminal, has frightened the Iraqi forces stationed on the Al-Bakr oil terminal. The Saddamites are in confusion and are asking for help from their rear.

3 Iraqi Planes Downed 3 September

LD031005 Tehran IRNA in English 1000 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 3, IRNA — Iranian jet-fighters and anti-aircraft artillery downed three Iraqi planes in Al-'Ummayah, northwestern Persian Gulf, Hajj 'Umran, eastern Iraq, and Bushehr in south Iran, Wednesday morning.

A Joint Staff Communique issued here in this connection said that the planes were downed at 0255, 0604, and 0610 GMT Wednesday respectively.

Al-'Amyah Terminal Reported Ablaze

LD031050 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] According to the latest report received from the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters today, the combatants of Islam, who are in full control of the "Karbala'-3" operational theater, began removing all the enemy radar, equipment, and sophisticated military hardware from the Al-'Amyah platform and in retaliation for the bombing of oil rich regions of our country by the Iraqi Zionist regime, set ablaze installations of the Al-'Amyah oil terminal. The forces of Islam also pounded the Al-Bakr Jetty inflicting further heavy losses and casualties on the enemy forces, and setting ablaze another part of its installations.

Captured Oil Platform Shown on TV

LD031019 Tehran IRNA in English 1010 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 3, IRNA — In a 15-minute broadcast Iranian television showed scenes from the latest victorious offensive of Muslim combatants of Iran, "Karbala'-3", in which Iraq's Al-'Ummayah oil platform was captured.

The film showed Iranian boats supplying facilities for Islamic combatants and transferring to land Iraqi captives who were shouting "Down with Saddam" and slogans against Iraqi Ba'th Party.

The main loading arms of Al-'Ummayah platform are located at the two southern and northern ends of the jetty. The two parts are linked to each other by narrower bridges that are totally 954 meters long. The conjunctions are made of thick iron and consolidated in the water by huge columns.

Oil pipelines pass along the transversal margin of these junctions in the middle of which one can pass. There are a few rooms in the main part of the platform, apparantly control and communication centers. In another part of the platform a helicopter runway could be seen.

A tnick black smoke was billowing over the damaged areas of Al-'Ummayah platform and some Iraqi munitions were still going off.

The Muslim combatants were contentedly smiling, clinching their fists as a sign of victory and shouting Allah-o Akbar "Allah is the greatest". The combatants were seen sitting behind the seized anti-aircraft artillery, securing the sky over the jetty.

One of the combatants said, "Today Islam is suppressed and needs our support". A diver who partook in the offensive stressed that the combatants would not leave the scene till the final victory is gained.

The Al-'Ummayah platform is 40 kilometers away from Al-Faw and 28 kilometers off Ra'as al-Bisha [spelling as received] shores. The platform is so wide that three ocean liners can berth beside it. Al-'Ummayah was so strategically important that Iraqi regime used combined ground-naval forces to protect it.